

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT NPDES PERMIT AND PUBLIC HEARING**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2003 – 9H – PH
HEARING DATE: October 16, 2003

DATE OF NOTICE: September 16, 2003
RESPONSE DATE: October 23, 2003

Permit Information

The City of Hobart, 414 Main Street, Hobart, Indiana, NPDES Permit No. IN0061344. The applicant has applied for an NPDES permit for a proposed wastewater treatment plant to be located 1/2 mile north & 1/4 mile west of S.R.51 and U.S. Hwy 6 in Hobart, Indiana. NPDES Permit No. IN0061344.

The applicant has plans to construct and operate a major municipal treatment facility that will discharge 4.8 million gallons per day of treated sanitary wastewater into the Deep River in LAKE COUNTY. Deep River is classified as capable of supporting full-body contact recreation, and a well-balanced, warm water aquatic community. The new treatment plant is intended to serve a portion of the City of Hobart, whose collection system is currently connected to the Gary Sanitary District.

The applicant submitted an antidegradation demonstration per 327 IAC 5-2-11.3(b)(3) for the proposed discharge in May 2001. An antidegradation demonstration is no longer required, since the City of Hobart accepted more stringent effluent limits that will not result in a significant lowering of water quality.

Tentative Determination

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of pertinent standards and regulations, IDEM proposes to issue an NPDES permit to the applicant which imposes certain effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and special conditions. The permit term is five years.

Hearing Information

IDEM has scheduled a public hearing concerning the draft NPDES permit for the City of Hobart Wastewater Treatment Plant. The hearing will be at the Hobart City Council Chamber located on the second floor at 414 Main Street, Hobart, Indiana 46342 from 6:00 p.m. to no later than 9:00 p.m. (local time) on Thursday, October 16, 2003. The purpose of the hearing is to receive oral and written comments from all interested parties pursuant to the draft NPDES permit.

Special Considerations

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations for this hearing can contact the IDEM- ADA Coordinator at (317) 233-4200, or via the Indiana Relay Service at 1-800-743-3333. Please provide a minimum of 72 hours notification.

Procedures for the Formulation of Final Determination

Comment Period

The proposed determination to issue an NPDES Permit is tentative. Comments not submitted at the public hearing must be submitted in person, post-marked, or received no later than October 23, 2003, to be considered in the formulation of the final determination. Deliver or mail all requests or comments to the IDEM Contact Person:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Office of Water Quality / Municipal NPDES Permits Section
Attention: Roger Rylatt – Room 1203
100 North Senate Avenue – P.O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015
Phone number 317/232-8619

Notice of Final Permit Determination

Any person who is interested in receiving notice of the Final Determination on this permit is requested to notify the agency at the above address during the specified comment period. Notice of final permit action will not be made to persons who fail to comment on the draft permit or fail to request such notice.

Additional Information

The application, draft permit, comment letters, and other related information is on file & may be inspected at the IDEM office listed above from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., M-F, (copies 10¢ per page). Copies of the draft permit are also on file at the Lake County Health Department, and at the IDEM Northwest Regional Office at 504 Broadway – STE 418, Gary, IN (888/209-8892 or 219-881-6712). The draft permit is also available on IDEM's website at http://www.in.gov/idem/water/npdes/public_notice/index.html. Please bring this matter to the attention of persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.